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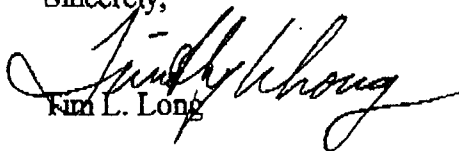
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Dear Ms. Hesse,

The basis of the Microsoft lawsuit has been weak from the start, a failed attempt to shake Microsoft through negative media attention and distraction. Microsoft has been hog tied by fresh legal complaints answering each advance they have made since the original suit. I fail to see how Microsoft is more corrupt than any other of the litigating parties, as opposition has blatantly used the courts to stall Microsoft in hopes of their own gain.

The lawsuit against Microsoft may have originated with legitimate concerns regarding modern day antitrust issues, but has digressed to a manipulation of the courts by misguided ambition. Enough resources have been wasted on this debacle. The proposed settlement should be an acceptable solution for all. After all, Microsoft's competition has already won more than three years worth of media battles and scrutiny throughout the trial.

Sincerely,


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